

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-8 and 11-17 are currently pending in the present patent application  
The Examiner rejected claims 1-8 and 11-16 under 35 USC 102 based on  
Roberg (DE 0 631 717 A1).

The grounds for the rejection were that the device of Roberg, FIGURE 9,  
discloses all the elements of the claim.

The applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of the claims.

Roberg does not disclose "a rotatable chopper mounted in a housing with a  
bottom ... wherein said housing bottom extends rearward to extend beyond a point  
of lowermost extent of the rotatable chopper" as recited in claims 1 and 4.

For at least the above reasons the applicant respectfully requests that the  
Examiner withdraw his rejection of the claims.

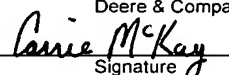
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